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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: Comments regarding DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

When I served as a State Representative in Mississippi's legislature, we dealt with the allocation of finite resources. The most obvious example would be the process of budgeting the state's dollars, to ensure that we were managing funds as efficiently as possible. This, of course, is a theme echoed by governments, businesses, families, and organizations nationwide, with scores of examples of various resources. Regardless of the specifics, the bottom line is the same: smart management can stretch limited resources.

I find the FCC in a similar position, through your review of LightSquared's proposal to combine its licensed spectrum with 5 MHz licensed to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This proposal both "stretches" the limited spectrum through sharing, and provides a way for LightSquared to deploy its nationwide broadband network, which will make affordable access to broadband a reality for the 30%+ of Mississippians currently without it.

LightSquared has proven time and again to be a company that finds innovative solutions to problems, and stands by both their word and their commitment to providing reliable broadband coast-to-coast. They plan to expand the multi-billion dollar investment that they have already made and immediately start bringing real change to the face of Mississippi broadband through their technology.

I fully support LightSquared's application to share use of this bandwidth with NOAA – it is a sound proposal with nothing but positive results.

Sincerely,



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